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Jane, bapt. — Dec., 1700.
Rebecca, bapt. 20 July, 1702.
William, bapt. 2 April, 1708.
Joseph, born 13 Oct., bapt. Jan. 6, 1711.
David, born 8 Jany, 1727, son of John & Mary Roper, baptized 24th March.

Thomas & Elizabeth Roper had issue:
John, born 10 Nov., 1722.
Martha, born 4 Sept., 1725.
Elizabeth, born 21 Feb., baptized March 24, 1727.
Mary, born 12 March, 1729.
Isaac, born 30 Jan; baptized July 31, 1737.

David & Elizabeth Roper had issue; Benjamin, born April 25; baptized June 19, 1737; Frances, born March 5; baptized May 6, 1739.

William & Mary Roper had issue: William, born 24 Sept., 1736.

William & Anne Roper had issue: Elizabeth, born 27 Feb., 1759.

John & Elizabeth Roper had issue:
Martha, born 14 March, 1759.
Sarah, born Aug., 25; baptized Sept. 29, 1754.
William, born Oct. 25, 1756.

Thomas & Mary Roper had issue: Elizabeth, born 9 Dec.; baptized Jan. 6, 1770.

George Walton & Sarah Roper were married February ye ————, 1710.

EXTRACTS FROM JOHN H. BOCOCK'S DIARY AND COMMONPLACE BOOKS.

These very imperfect notes were made by me at a time when Dr. Bocock's manuscript material was accessible to me. This material (now perhaps in the hands of Professor W. H. Bocock of the University of Georgia) is in the form of numerous stitched books of several sizes—largely digests of reading done. Each volume is carefully indexed. The

diary is interpersed here and there, a very small part of the whole One item is a brief autobiography. Dr. Bocock was a native of Buckingham County as it was before the setting off of Appomattox County. He was a brother of Thomas S. Bocock, Speaker of the Confederate House of Representatives. A graduate of Amherst College, he became a Presbyterian minister, at Georgetown, D. C., and elsewhere. Dr. Bocock was a man of very wide reading, and a contributor to many periodicals. Throughout his life he was much interested in political questions.—Alfred J. Morrison, Hampden-Sidney, Va.

1838-40.—The great business and wealth of Robert Rives—His four principal seats in Europe: Cadiz, Lisbon, Liverpool, and London. Enterprises in every part of the world; would measure assets with the Farmer's Bank of Virginia (the bank asking additional security on a loan of $10,000). "Of tremendous mental resources." His plans, which were broken up by the Embargo, would have given him the money power of the continent. New York, by his plan, was to have been the centre of his mercantile operations, with branches at Richmond, Charleston, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Cincinnati. There were to be sub-branches from those points. Is over seventy, and very active. Leaves his estate to William [C. Rives?]

1842-43.—Dr. William P. Read, late of Amherst, dreamed that he should die before the age of twenty-seven; he died before reaching that age.

The Rev. Henderson Lee had a strange dream about money matters, which came exactly true.

1847.—Arguments against slavery in Virginia; remarks of several persons cited.

1849.—Notes on a very interesting debate at Louisa Court House, between Mr. Botts and Mr. Seddon.

1850. Nov. 28.—"Writing review of Foote" [SKETCHES OF VIRGINIA].

———. Mr. Deane, manager of the Tredegar Iron Works, dug for coal to a depth of 650 ft., near the works; found a plant well preserved.

Colonel Sam. Cabell a very high liver, and very proud, 'at all times of the year'; would hardly notice a poor man.

At S. Claiborne's father's house there were many refugees after the restoration of the Bourbons in France (his father an aide to General La Fayette). The President of the National Convention was there; sewed his own stockings. They all got back to France.

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES.

BLACKWELL. This family takes its beginning with Joseph Blackwell, of Northumberland Co. He had a son Samuel, born Sept. 23, 1680. This son Samuel had *Samuel,* born January 19, 1710, *William,* born April 25, 1713, *Joseph,* born July 9, 1715, Eliza, born Jany. 9, 1717, and Hannah born March 30, 1720. Of these Samuel lived in Northumberland County and had Samuel, John, William, Eliza, Joseph and Judith, Thomas, David. (QUARTERLY, XVII., 238, 239.)

The other sons, William and Joseph, moved to Fauquier County. Joseph married Lucy Steptoe, daughter of Capt. John Steptoe, of Northumberland Co. (Hayden, *Va. Genealogies,* 265-267; QUARTERLY, XV., 92.)

STEPTOE. This family seems to begin with Anthony Steptoe, born in 1653, and living in Northumberland County in 1697. He came to Virginia with Mr. John Cossens from Cudridg, near Bishop's Walton in Hampshire, England. Capt. William Eustace married Mr. Cossens' niece, Sarah Jauncey, and after her death, in 1682, he married Elizabeth ———. In his will proved April 15, 1702, he made John Steptoe one of his executors. John Steptoe, who is believed to have been the son of Anthony Steptoe, married Capt. Eustace's widow Elizabeth. In 1741 he made his will in Northumberland County, and names daughter Lucy, and sons William, John, James and Thomas. Of these John Steptoe, Jr., married, in 1727, Joan Lawson, daughter of Rowland and Jane Lawson, of Lancaster; Lucy, married Joseph Blackwell, of Fauquier. In 1761 William Steptoe, of Chowan Co., N. C., conveyed to John Steptoe, of Virginia 80 acres given to him by his father, Capt. John Steptoe. (Northumberland County Records; QUARTERLY, XI., 209, 210.)

LINDSAY—OPIE. The question of the authenticity of two